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Subject: Unified Command Update - Shiloh Church Road Site 3/27/20

Good Afternoon Unified Command Partners,

As we struggle through the COVID-19 crisis, please be assured that all Site personnel are following and exceeding the CDC recommendations. As stated in previous messages, EPA's team is following all guidelines, including minimizing the potential for exposure by traveling to and from the hotel to the Site only, and limiting other travel to necessary essentials such as food and fuel.

EPA's mission at the Site has been deemed essential by EPA, and we are authorized to continue work. Here is an update of Site operations:

Mixed Waste Soil (PCBs/Lead/Cadmium) – As explained in previous reports, EPA is in the process of treating approximately 6000 tons of soil which is contaminated with PCBs, and also lead and cadmium in concentrations which meet the definition of hazardous waste. The soil is segregated into 30 ton marked segments. Each segment is then treated with a ton of binding agent and mixed for two hours. A post-mix sample is collected from each segment and analyzed to ensure the lead and cadmium have been treated properly. For each 500 tons, an additional set of analyses is required to verify the soil is ready for proper disposal.

EPA received disposal approval of the first 1000 tons of treated soil **Transportation and disposal began on 3/25/20. This week, 500 tons of soil was transported to Michigan for final disposal.** The remaining 500 tons of this batch of soil are scheduled for transportation and disposal during the week of 3/30/20.

By 4/2/20, EPA expects treatment of the next 500 tons will be completed. Since each 500 tons requires another full set of analysis, these results are not expected until after Easter. EPA's contractors will continue to create additional weighted segments, treat each segment, and perform post-mix sampling on each treated segment.

The continuation of Site operations is a day-to-day decision based upon the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak. As of this moment, our subcontracted trucks, laboratories, and vendors are still operating. Of course, this could change at any time and the work at the Site may be shut down. I will notify you immediately if Site operations cease.

In the meantime, I want to assure you that EPA and its contractors are taking the CDC recommendations very seriously and are implementing all possible precautions. Please contact me if you have any questions, and please stay as safe as possible. I care about each of you and the citizens of Halifax County.

Very truly,
Chris

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